THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) The helicopter service between Guwahati and Shillong is not likely to be commercially viable. As the issue of providing subsidy to Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited has not yet made any headway so far, it may not be possible to start any such service for the present.

Building an airport at Kunnur in Kerala

1419. SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to build an airport at Kunnur in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the time schedule for implementing the project; and

(d) how Government propose to mobilise resources?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (d) The matter is under examination.

Installation of X-ray machine at Imphal Airport

1420. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the X-ray machine for registered baggage checking at Imphal airport has not been installed;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no foolproof security in the checking of registered baggages;

(c) if so, how safety and security hazard can be avoided in the present position of the Airport; and

(d) by when X-ray machine is to be installed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Manual checking and reconciliation of registered baggages are done before loading, to ensure foolproof security.

(d) One X-Ray Baggage machine is functioning for screening of hand baggages of the passengers. No requirement has been projected by the concerned agencies for provision of X-Ray Baggage machines for checking registered baggages.

Percentage of Manufactured Articles in the Country's total export

1421. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of manufactured articles in the total export of the country during the years 1991-92 to June, 1997;

(b) what are the major items, that contribute for the exports;

(c) whether there is any decline in the incentives for exports of any of such items;

(d) the items for which markets have been lost in the recent period which were built up in the past; and

(e) which are the countries to which we have lost our market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Though the value of exports have come down for some commodities in some markets, no markets have been lost, completely. Export growth in 96-97 has been sustained on a higher base achieved in recent years.

Statement

(a) The percentage share of manufactured articles in the total export of the